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TO SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB.; AKA. JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
VICTIM; CR.

REURAIRTELS APRIL FOUR.

SERIAL NUMBER ON RIFLE BOX WHICH ORIGINALLY  
CONTAINED BROWNING RIFLE DETERMINED TO BE FOUR SEVEN FOUR  
FOUR Z FIVE.

BULLET FROM VICTIM IS POINT THIRTY CALIBER METAL-  
JACKETED SOFT POINT SPORTING TYPE BULLET OF REMINGTON -  
PETERS MANUFACTURE. BULLET IS IDENTIFIABLE IN ALL  
REMAINING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO ONE FIVE ZERO GRAIN  
BULLETS IN FIVE LOADED CALIBER POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX  
SPRINGFIELD REMINGTON - PETERS CARTRIDGES IN SUBMITTED  
PETERS CARTRIDGE BOX WHICH ALSO CONTAINED FOUR U. S.  
MILITARY CARTRIDGES OF REMINGTON MANUFACTURE CONTAINING  
FULL-METAL JACKETED BULLETS.

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BASED ON GENERAL RIFLING IMPRESSIONS, BULLET FROM  
VICTIM COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM POINT THIRTY - ZERO SIX  
SPRINGFIELD CALIBER REMINGTON GAMEMASTER RIFLE, MODEL  
SEVEN SIX ZERO, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX.  
DUE TO MUTILATION OF BULLET, INSUFFICIENT MARKS OF VALUE FOR  
IDENTIFICATION REMAINING AND NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER OR NOT BULLET FIRED FROM SUBMITTED REMINGTON  
RIFLE.

NO RECORD NSPI OR NCIC OF REMINGTON RIFLE; OF A  
BROWNING POINT TWO FOUR THREE WINCHESTER CALIBER RIFLE,  
SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SEVEN FOUR FOUR Z FIVE; OF A REDFIELD  
TELESCOPIC SIGHT, SERIAL NUMBER A ONE SEVEN THREE FIVE ZERO;  
OR BUSHNELL BINOCULAR, SERIAL NUMBER D Q FOUR ZERO EIGHT  
SIX SIX FOUR.

FINE SMEARS AND DEPOSITS OF SILTY SOIL FOUND ON  
LARGE GREEN AND BROWN CLOTH SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON  
PURPOSES. SPECIFIC ORIGIN OF SOIL CANNOT BE DETERMINED BY  
LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

BROWN AND GREEN CLOTH FOUND WITH RIFLE IS BEDSPREAD

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MEASURING ONE ZERO SIX AND ONE-FOURTH INCHES BY EIGHT FIVE  
AND ONE FOURTH INCHES. BEDSPREAD COMPOSED OF SEVENTYFIVE  
PERCENT COTTON AND TWENTYFIVE PERCENT RAYON AND SIMILAR  
TO THOSE USED IN HOTELS AND MOTELS. NO MARKINGS FOUND TO  
INDICATE ITS SOURCE OR MANUFACTURER.

BROWN COTTON FIBERS, GREEN COTTON FIBERS AND  
GREEN RAYON FIBERS LIKE THOSE COMPOSING BEDSPREAD FOUND ON  
RIFLE AND IN DEBRIS FROM RIFLE BOX.

SUITCASE, BLUE IN COLOR, CONTAINED NUMEROUS  
TOILET ITEMS, MAPS, PAPER BAGS AND OTHER ITEMS. TOILET ITEMS  
ARE ALL COMMON BRANDS. OF INTEREST ARE TWO CANS OF SCHLITZ  
BEER, EACH BEARING TAX STAMPS INDICATING THEY WERE PURCHASED  
IN MISSISSIPPI. NEW PAIR OF BINOCULARS, CASE AND CARTON FOR  
BINOCULARS FOUND IN SUITCASE. CARTON INDICATED BINOCULARS  
SOLD FOR THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE AND COMPUTED ON CARTON WAS  
THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PLUS ONE SIXTY, TOTALING FORTYONE  
FIFTYFIVE. A GRAY BAG OF YORK ARMS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, WITH  
COST REGISTRY RECEIPT IN AMOUNT OF FORTYONE FIFTYFIVE INSIDE  
INDICATES BINOCULARS PURCHASED AT YORK ARMS COMPANY HAVING  
FOLLOWING THREE LOCATIONS IN MEMPHIS: DOWNTOWN - ONE SIX

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TWO SOUTH MAIN; EAST - POPULAR PLAZA AND SOUTH - WHITEHAVEN  
PLAZA.

NUMEROUS BROWN HEAD HAIRS OF CAUCASIAN ORIGIN  
FOUND ON BEDSPREAD, TOWEL AND HAIRBRUSH FOUND IN SUITCASE  
AND LOOSE IN SUITCASE. HAIRS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISONS.  
NUMEROUS BROWN TO BLACK BEARD FRAGMENTS OF CAUCASIAN  
FOUND ON TWO SAFETY RAZORS FROM SUITCASE WHICH ARE SUITABLE  
FOR COMPARISONS.

NO NEGROID HAIRS FOUND.

TRADENAME "HOMESTEAD" ON LARGE PAPER BAG WHICH  
CONTAINED BEER REGISTERED TO GRAHAM PAPER COMPANY,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SMALL RADIO SUBMITTED BEARS SCRATCHES INTERPRETED  
TO READ "T ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE" OR "T ZERO FOUR FOUR FIVE."  
ANY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS UNKNOWN. RADIO WILL BE RE-EXAMINED  
AFTER LATENT EXAMINATION.

NO WRITING OR SIGNIFICANT INDENTED IMPRESSIONS ON  
OTHER BAGS, MAPS, NEWSPAPER AND BINOCULAR BOX.

LATENT RESULTS AND COMPLETE LABORATORY REPORT  
BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.